

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman McCarthy's website (www.kevinmccarthy.house.gov) was honored by the Congressional Management Foundation (CMF), a non-profit and non-partisan organization, for having one of the best websites in Congress.

Out of a total of 618 Congressional websites, Congressman McCarthy's website was one of only 36 websites earning a 2007 gold medal. A full copy of the report, the 2007 Gold Mouse Report: Lessons from the Best Web Sites on Capitol Hill, is available on the Congressional Management Foundation's Web site at www.cmfweb.org .

"I designed my website to help provide the best tools, resources, and information to constituents in the 22nd District," said Congressman McCarthy. "I am honored to win this award, will continue to make improvements, and encourage constituents in the 22nd District to check the website. I believe my website should not only be a gateway of information, but also shine light on the work of Congress to be transparent and accountable to our communities."

The 2007 Gold Mouse Report and Awards are part of the "Connecting to Congress" research project. Researchers from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, University of California-Riverside and the Ohio State University partnered with CMF to study how Congressional websites can be improved to better communicate with constituents.

Here are some highlights in the report regarding Congressman McCarthy's website:

"Congressman Kevin McCarthy's Web site offers constituents everything they typically seek from a quality veteran Member's site, no small feat for a freshman office. From guidance on internship opportunities to FAQs about the Congressman's positions on certain hot topics, the site is a helpful online resource for all its audiences.

"The site puts the Congressman's office at his constituents' fingertips. The legislative content includes information about what's going on in Congress as well as the aforementioned FAQ which allows users to stay up-to-date on the most recent developments on each topic. The issues section includes the latest press releases relating to each issue, which allows users to find the most recent information quickly and easily. The design and layout of the site includes an RSS feed, interactive breadcrumbs, and a "Favorite readings" section. All are examples of

innovations that add value to the Web site.”

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